



February 2009

The Central Florida Stamp Club

is a 70+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and, dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable \$12 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z and everything in between.
- The meeting location is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for the last 10 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 7:00-7:30. The business side of things from 7:30-7:50. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:55 until 8:30. Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions from 8:30 to 9:00. We must be out of the building by 9:10 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the SUN-PEX show in June of each year. In addition, are the resident hosting club for FLOREX, and many of the smaller local shows held in the Orlando area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include, monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings & quizzes, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.



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CFSC Officers (2008/2010)

President	Francis Ferguson
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Treasurer	Jim Archbold
Secretary	Josh Furman
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Director-at-Large	Al Nagy

What
interests
you?

Program Schedule (Feb/Mar/Apr)

February meetings — 02/05 we will have Peter W. talking to us about “How he got Started” , 02/19 Cried Auction \$2 minimum.

March meetings — 03/05 Peter W. will enlighten us on Bi-sected Stamps, 03/19 Youth Night.

April Meetings — 04/02 Steve P. will present “Celebrating Lincoln”, 04/16 Francis F. will talk about “Ona, Florida”

The Board meeting for 2009 are: April 30, July 30, & October 29. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

January Meeting recaps

The first meeting of January was of course a Holiday. The second meeting began with a cozy dinner with 9 present — including “Early Al” making his appearance a little late. The chilly weather did not seem to keep anyone by the fireplace — we had just short of 30 adults present along with a good number of youth — we had the brief business meeting as required by the By-Laws and moved to the Annual Club Donation Auction — of the 46 lots entered a remarkable 43 sold. The resulting income of \$187 goes a long way towards supporting the club. Thank you to all parties involved — Jim A. & Steve P. in particular.

Glue Awards

Sorry for the typo — the correct wording is GLUE Awards not Clue. My defective fingers apologize to all parties involved. Is there a proof reader in the house?

Dinner Plans

Come join the group for dinner at Viet Garden at 6pm before each meeting. Bring your appetite – and your wallet. If you need directions or more information call Francis at 407.493.0956.

Birthday cake!

March 19 we will acknowledge all those with birthdays in the first three months of 2009.

Students Participate

in FLOREX By Stephen P.

The FLOREX stamp exhibit of December 5 -7 in Orlando returned to World Series status. Included was a

youth exhibit of four frames produced by the U.S. History students of Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, FL.

Under direction of their teacher Stephen Patrick who also serves as Vice President of the Central Florida Stamp Club, 60 students were given un-cacheted historical first day covers. They were assigned to add art work as a cachet to the covers and do a one page exhibit of their subject.

The student work was judged by accredited APS judges Jeff Shapiro of Massachusetts and Jim Pullin of Winter Park.

First place exhibit went to Alison Moon for her treatment of George Washington. Second place went to Autumn Henry for her work for popular composer Hoagy Carmichael.

Joanna Rosario won third place for movie director Alfred Hitchcock.

Special awards went to Antonio Smith for best original art work on the cover and Elvis Munoz for best computer generated art work for Chester Carlson, inventor of the copy machine.

An added feature this year was that all 90 history students visited the show on a field trip on Friday afternoon. They received free gifts at the Youth Booth and free first day covers from the First Day Cover Society.

Central Florida Stamp Show – Spring

The next local show will be held in the Oak Room at the Mark Street Senior Center. This ONE day show will be held on April 11 and is configured for 9 dealer tables. This time the show is nearly sold out.

Youth Night

March 19th will be the next night devoted to youth. Randal will be handling the meeting along with all activities. Please give him a helping hand if asked.

Writers

If you have a writing itch you need to scratch, please do. Everyone is encouraged to write something stamp related. It could be a short piece on how you first became involved in collecting to a review of a stamp related book, or even a show you attended. You can think of something to write about!

APS Shows 2009

Feb. 20–22 AmeriStamp Expo/Texpex, Arlington, TX
Aug. 6–9 APS Stamp Show, Pittsburgh, PA

Cover Story

This is pretty easy — What makes your heart race? Things that you collect that make you what you are — a collector. Anyone want to volunteer with a picture and brief description for the cover? Another one from my stuff — the Farley Issues have always been of special interest!

Navy Ships named after Florida

locations or landmarks By Phil F.

This will be the first of a short series on U.S. Navy Ships with names connected to Florida’s cities, counties, geographical landmarks and the state itself. Six U.S. Navy ships (and one Confederate Raider) have been named after the state itself. The first three named USS FLORIDA served at various times from 1824 - 1885, and while they certainly carried mail, they did not have a post office on-board. It is fitting to start off this series with the fourth USS FLORIDA who ended her days as the USS TALLAHASSEE, thus covering two names! This USS FLORIDA (BM-9) served as a “Battle Monitor” (early Battleship) from 1903 - 1908.



Since post offices were established on Navy Ships in 1908, I am not sure if a cancel exists and have not seen one. In 1908, plans for a newer bigger Battleship to be named USS FLORIDA were announced and the older ship was re-named USS TALLAHASSEE (BM-9). The older FLORIDA/TALLAHASSEE served in various service jobs until scrapped in 1922. Figure (1) is a view of the ship prior to the name change. Figure (2) is a 1915 cancel of the USS TALLAHASSEE. These cancels are difficult to locate.

New Members!

Welcome to Stephen E. and Richard S. as our newest members. Richard S. collects Cinderellas, Aviation, Air Postal History, while Stephen E. goes the U. S. Stamps-Commemorative stamps and sheets route.

In addition we have been joined by Stephen S. and Robert D. Stephen S. who collects US material, bees, and orchids, while Robert D. fancies US & Canada.

We look forward to seeing a lot more of you folks in the future.

Event Calendar 2009

Florida Precancel show	Feb 11-14
CFSS-Spring	April 11
Central Florida Fair	April 16-26
SUNPEX 2009	June 20-21
CFSS-Fall	Sept 26-27
FLOREX 2009	Dec 4, 5, & 6

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

Monthly Fun with Stamps Quizzes

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| • February | “Dot ORG” |
| • March | Order This — SoS |
| • April | Steam Boats |

Quotable

"A bookstore is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking."

American comedian, actor, & writer

Jerry Seinfeld [1954 — 20XX]